

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

WHEREAS, The contributions of the City of Lufkin are of singular importance to the State of Texas and on January 23, 2003, residents of this proud city will come together in celebration of Lufkin Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1882 as a stop on the Houston East and West Railway, the city was named for Captain Abraham P. Lufkin, a cotton merchant and city councilman from Galveston; with a thriving lumber industry and a prime location on the rail line, the small town flourished; and

WHEREAS, Lufkin was once referred to as a place "where the pine trees tickle the angel's toes," a saying that encapsulates the natural setting of the densely forested town that lies in the heart of the East Texas Piney Woods; and

WHEREAS, While timber remains a significant source of the city's income, Lufkin has also established itself as a center of industry, with national corporations and manufacturers becoming integral parts of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, A popular draw for outdoor enthusiasts, Lufkin is on the cusp of the Angelina National Forest and Sam Rayburn Lake, providing ample opportunity for camping, hunting, and water sports; residents and visitors alike enjoy visiting the Texas Forestry Museum and the Museum of East Texas, both popular attractions in Lufkin; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of Lufkin can take great pride in their prospering East Texas town; the future is indeed bright for the City of Lufkin and its residents, and it is a pleasure to welcome these fine Texans to Austin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize January 23, 2003, as Lufkin Day at the Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all Angelina County residents on this noteworthy occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate